THE
True and perfect de-

claration of the mighty army by sea, *made and prepared by the generall States of the* vnited Prouinces, purposely sent forth to hinder the proceedings of the King of Spaine, vnder the conduct of *Peter Vander Does* Generall of the said army:

Together with all whatsoeuer hath bene done by the said army against the Islands, Townes, Castels, and Shippes, belonging to *the said King of Spaine.*

As also what the said army hath gotten and wonne *in the said viage; with the whole discourse of* the aduentures of the said army, both in their going forth, and returning againe, from the 28. of May, 1599. vntill *the 6. of March*, 1600.

Collected by *Ellert de Ionghe*, Captayne of the Artillery in the said Viage.

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Vpon the 28. of May 1599. The States army put to sea, out of Zealand, being in all 73. shippes, holding their course between Calis and Douer, the wind being East Northeast.

The 29. of May, hauing past Calis, with an East wind, & cleare weather, in the euening they had a calme, then the Generall cast ancker vnder Swartnes, which done, all the nauy did the like.

The 30. of May, hauing hoysed anker, they set sayle with a North Northwest wind, keeping vpon the coast of England, and about twelue of the clock, they passed Beueside, the wind being East Northeast, they holding their course West Southwest, being close weather, which caused the Generall to sayle Westward, the better to haue the coast of Englãd in sight, but all the day continued close weather, yet in the euening they had a sight of Goutstaert, and so sayling til night, they ankered not farre from Plimmouth.

The 1. of Iune early in the morning, making towards land, about sixe of the clocke they arriued at Plimmouth, where the Generall sent a Pinace to land, to know if any of their ships

had arriued there, becauſe certaine of them had ſailed out of the Taſſel not long before, which they thought to haue found at Plimmouth: but not finding any, about noone they ſet ſaile & departed, holding their courſe South Southweſt: & about euening hauing a ſide wind, they ſailed Weſt Southweſt, with ſuch darke & cloſe weather, that they could hardly ſee ꝑ lẽgth of a ſhip from them, which cauſed them ſometimes to ſhoot off muskets, ſomtimes ſlings, to let the other ſhips know that they were not farre frõ thẽ, that they ſhould not ſeparate thẽſelues.

The 2. of Iune, hauing a calme with cloſe weather, they met al together, and holding their courſe South ſouthweſt, hauing the wind Eaſt Northeaſt.

The 3. of Iune, ſtill hauing an Eaſt Northeaſt wind, they ſailed very ſlowly ſometimes on the lee, ſometimes in the wind, to ſtay for certaine of their ſhips that were ſomewhat behind, and in the end being all together, the Generall held his courſe South ſouthweſt, all the Nauy following him, in the night hauing a Southweſt wind.

The 4. of Iune, the General put forth 2. flags, & ſhot off two peeces, for a ſigne to call all the Captaines & Maſters, to come aboord of his ſhip, there to hold a Marſhall aſſembly, which was preſently performed, each of them putting foorth their boates, to boord him, hauing as then paſt Heyſſant about ten miles, with a Southweſt wind, running South ſoutheaſt: and in the euening hauing a Southeaſt wind, all the Nauy held their courſe South ſouthweſt.

The 5. & 6. of Iune, it was calme with great clappes of thunder, ſailing then vnder 47. degrees.

The 7. of Iune, they had a Weſt wind, whereupõ the whole Nauy ſet their courſe South ſouthweſt: after that, the wind cõming North, they ſailed Southweſt, yet very ſlowly, by reaſõ ꝑ ſome of the ſhips were ſo far behind, that they could hardly be diſcerned, whereupon the reſt of the ſhips ſtaied for thẽ: at the ſame time the Generall made an order for the diuiſiõ of their meat, euery 6. men to haue amõg thẽ 5. li. of biſquit for a day.

The 8. of Iune, ſtill hauing a Weſt wind, they held their

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course South southwest: and about euening the wind falling somewhat sharpe, the whole Nauy woond about: then the wind cõming West againe, they were constrained to abate some of their sayles.

The ninth of Iune, they espied the coast of Galisia, as then hauing a North-west wind, holding their course South-west, and about three of the clocke in the after noone, the whole nauie hauing turned about, & made to sea-ward, not lõg after they made towards the land again: but being too low from *La Corougie*, & General caused the whole Nauie to put to sea again.

The tenth of Iune, the Nauie sailing again towards the land, they had a South-west wind, and in the euening a Northwest wind, wherwith they sayled west, being not far from the land.

The eleuenth of Iune, earlie in the morning, the whole Nauie making towards the shore, & being vnder the land, perceiuing themselues to be as high as the Corougie, they set their course West South-west, the wind being East North-east, & about noone came before the Corougie: where being come, and staying for three of their ships that were behind, which were the ships of *Cornelis Clauf.* Captaine *Ianf.* and a Pinace: In the meane time they made all the preparation they could, and about one of the clocke spreading all their sayles, they put into the heauen, all together casting anker, very neere within the shot of the town: wherupon those of the Corougie shot diuers great peeces at thẽ: which dangerous ankering the nauie well perceiuing, and finding no conuenient place to land their men, about 5. a clocke in the euening they hoysed anker: which the town perceiuing, began to shoot more fiercely, but did not any hurt vnto the ships. The ankers being vp, there fell such a calme, that the shippes were in great daunger, for that the towne shot vpon them so mightily, although they could not reach them, and the shippes by reason of the calme, not well to be stered, that they had much paine and labour to hold them from the land, and the towne shot so mightily, that in a short space they had shotte at the least aboue two hundred and thirtie shot, and yet could they not reach the ships,

although it seemed vnpossible, for that the ships, by reason of the calme, were driuen so neere vnder the towne, that they might haue shot into them with a musket: and the Generals ship was driuen so neere to the towne, that Captaine *Rem Euarts*, and brother *Ianson*, with their Pinnaces were forced to go and help him: yet in the end with great danger the whole Nauy got to Sea.

The 12. of Iune, in the morning being somewhat distant from the land, the ships draue before the calme.

The 13. of Iune, in the morning about 9. of the clocke being at the cape *Finisterre*, they had a Northeast wind.

The 14. of Iune, hauing a stiffe Northwind, they held their course South, and South & by East, and the wind continuing, in the euening they tooke in all their sayles, letting the ships driue before the wind without sailes.

The 15. of Iune, the wind lessening, they began to hoyse sailes, holding their course Southeast, & the wind still continuing North, about 9. of the clocke in the morning, they discried cape *Roxent*, & therewith they made towards the land, purposing to do some exploit vpon Lisbon, but in the euening, the whole Nauy woond about, holding their course South, Southwest.

The 16. of Iune, in the morning the wind being North, they held their course South Southwest, & about the same time, the Admirall *Iohn Garbrantſ.* put forth a flagge in his sterne, desiring to haue certaine Pinnaces, that were vnder his quarter, to come on board of his ship: but none went aboard, but kept with the whole fleet to Leeward.

The 17. of Iune, hauing a West wind, they set their course South Southwest, and about euening they perceiued among their fleet a straũge ship, & a barke with three bases, wherupon presently the Generall cõmaunded 4. of the best ships of saile in the whole Nauy to make chase after them: which ships hauing taken thẽ, brought them before the General, who hauing spokẽ with them, in the end they departed friendly from each other, for it was an Englishmã. About that time Captaine Caters

ters ſhip loſt the fleete, by reaſon that the fleete in the night time changed their courſe, and woond about.

The 18. of Iune, the Nauie driuing before a calme, the Generall put forth his accuſtomed token, to call all the captaines and maſters aboard his ſhip, there to conſult with him.

The 19. of Iune, ſtill hauing a calme, with a South-winde, order was taken by the Generall, for the landing of certaine men, whenſoeuer they approached any coaſt.

The 20. of Iune they had a calme, and helde their courſe South South-weſt.

The 21. & 22. of Iune, hauing a good ſwift forewind, they held their courſe South South-weſt, at which time the Generall cauſed the whole Nauie to bee aduertiſed, that euerie man ſhould behaue and rule himſelfe, according to the Articles in that caſe prouided, and eſpecially following the 41. and 42. Articles, the contents whereof do follow.

NOTA.

Whoſoeuer without ſpecial cauſe, & that firſt made known vnto his officers, ſhal breake out of his array, where he ſhal be appoynted to abide, or that ſhall ſeeme to flie out of any battaile or enterpriſe, whether it be before a towne or otherwiſe, he ſhall and may preſently bee ſlaine or ſtabbed by any man whatſoeuer; & being take and impriſoned, ſhal be proclaimed traitour, and in that caſe puniſhed with death, without any fauour.

Any man being placed and ſet to defend any fort, ſconſe, or trench, whether hee be captaine or ſouldiour, eyther by water or by land, ſhall defend and keepe the ſame, to the laſt extremitie, both with words and workes, not doing any thing to the contrarie, whereby the ſame ſhould be loſt without extremitie, vpon paine of death, without fauour or exception.

No man muſt giue himſelfe to take any ſpoyle, without charge or commiſsion, vpon paine of death.

Hereunto adding, that no man ſhould venture or be ſo bold to defile or deflowre any maide or woman whatſoeuer, vpon paine of death.

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It was likewiſe commaunded by the Generall, that no man ſhould kill or murther any woman or children, (vnleſſe they were found in armes to reſiſt) vpon paine of death.

Alſo it was determined by the Generall, and the reſt of the Captaines, the better to encourage the ſouldiours, as alſo for other cauſes and reſpects, that what priſoner ſoeuer ſhould be taken, able to pay a good ranſome, the tenth part of the ſaid ranſome ſhould be giuen to the ſaylers and ſouldiours, the reſt to him that tooke him priſoner.

Alſo that when they determined to aſſaile the firſt Caſtle or fort, they ſhould cauſe a pike with a fane to bee ſet vp vpon the land, and as long as the fane ſtirred with the wind, they ſhould ceaſe from ſhooting out of the ſhips againſt the fort or Caſtle.

The like token ſhould be ſet vp before a towne, when they would not ſhoote any more againſt it.

The 23. of Iune, hauing a good fore-wind out of the North, they held their courſe South South-weſt, ſending out a pinnace to ſeeke for land, for that as then they were of opinion not to be farre from it, which pinnace about euening returned backe againe.

The 24. of Iune, ſtill hauing a North winde, they held their courſe South ſouth-weſt, and the ſunne being South-eaſt, they ſent out three pinnaces to diſcrie lād, at which time the Vice-admirall of the red flag put forth another flagge, deſiring certaine captaines to come board his ſhip, whereof ſome boarded him, & about ſix of the clocke in the euening they diſcried lād, whereunto they made, holding their courſe Eaſt ſoutheaſt.

The 25. of Iune, in the morning very earlie, they were vnder *Lanſerottes*, and then held their courſe South South-weſt and by Weſt, and in the euening diſcryed the Iſland of great Canaria, keeping the whole night vnder the Iſland.

The 26. of Iune, in the morning very early being cloſe vnder the Iſland, they made to the ſhore, meane time making preparation to land their men in ſmall boates, approaching neere vnto the Caſtle, yet without danger of their ſhotte,

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they of the castle began to shoot, but the Hollanders esteemed not thereof, but to the contrarie went so close vnto the Castle, that they might reach it with a musket.

Vnder the Castle there lay three Spanish ships, whereof the greatest was by the Hollanders shot vnder water and sunke.

The Castle shot hard against the Hollanders, and the ships in like sort against the Castle, especially out of the Generals ship, as also out of many of the other shippes, in such sort, that the Island seemed to be compassed about with fire: during the which shooting, the souldiours were put into small boates, and so rowed to land.

The Spaniards vpon the downes neere the shore, had certaine bases, wherewith they shot hard vpon the Hollanders boates, at their entring vpon the land, but the Hollanders stayed with their boates, being readie to land: for it was so appoynted, that not any man should seeme to set foote on land, but must stay hard by the Generall: also that not any of them should spread any colours, before hee should bee landed, and yet they must not doe it, before the Generall should bee on shore, who onely had an ensigne in his Pinnace. Those of Zealand and North-Holland were appointed to land towardes the Towne, and those of Amsterdam, and of the Maze, towards the Castle, and all at one time. The Castle perceiuing so many boates manned, beganne to shoote slowly, for that the Captaine of the Castle made his souldiours beleeue, that they had not aboue halfe a barrell of powder left, whereupon they left off shooting: whereat the Spaniards that lay in the downes, beganne to flie, and then all the boates that lay ready manned, rowed to land.

First the Generalles boate: which being close by the shore, the Spaniards perceiuing, to (let him from landing) skipped into the water vp to the chin, against the Generals boate, and fought so boldly with the Hollanders, that the Generall himselfe standing valiantly in the boate fighting, and ready to leape on the shore, was in the end forced to returne, and the Spaniards made so hot an assault, that a Captaine standing by

the Generall, was thruſt into the arme, but diuers of the Spaniards were ſhot, ſo that in the end not many remained to make reſiſtance.

With that the Generall valiantly leaped into the water vp to the middle: and after him followed *Albert Ianſen* Cox enſigne, who hauing ſpred his colours, all the reſt of the boates rowed to land, hauing giuen a great vale of ſhotte againſt the Caſtle. The ſouldiours being landed, and ſtanding in order of battaile, being about foure thouſand men, the Generall cauſed *Dammas Verloo*, one that could ſpeake good Spaniſh, to aske them of the Caſtle, if they would yeelde it vp: and hauing parled for the ſpace of an houre, in the meane time the Generall ſette vp a vane vpon a pike, to warne the ſhippes not to ſhoote againſt the Caſtle; which ſhooting preſently ceaſed: and being in parle, in the end they of the Caſtle agreed to deliuer it vp, vpon condition, that the Spaniards ſhould depart without any armes, which was preſently done. In the which Caſtle the Generall placed Captaine *Iohn Allertſ.* of Amſterdam, who entring into it, found therein fifteene great braſſe peeces, and ſixe Iron peeces, well prouided with powder and munition, being ſo ſtrong, that in a manner it was impregnable: the walles beeing at the leaſt thirtie foote thicke.

Captaine *Iohn Allertſ.* with his companie being placed therin, and the Spaniards to the number of ſixtie perſons gone out, the Hollanders ſouldiours being about foure thouſand ſtrong, marched towardes the towne: but by the way, being come to a valley not aboue a quarter of a mile from the towne, they ſtayed all night vntill the morning: in the meane time diuers companies of the ſouldiours marched to the towne, & went ſo cloſe vnder the walles, that they ſpent the whole night in skirmiſhing with the enemie, ſpecially the company of *Dammas Verloo*, where hee loſt many of his men.

The twentie ſeuenth of Iune, in the morning, their enſignes wauing in the wind, they marched towards the towne: but being

ing within Cannon ſhot of the Caſtle, that ſtood before the towne, the Caſtle ſhot mightily vpon the Hollanders, and ſpoyled many of their men, for they could not faile one ſhotte: for although they could hardly ſee the Hollanders, yet they ſhotte at the enſignes: whereby the Hollanders were conſtrained to march ſomewhat aſide to ſhunne their ſhot: which was eaſie to be done, being round about cõpaſſed with downes: but the ſouldiours ſtayed cloſe vnder the walles of the towne, where they ſtood out of danger of the enemies ſhotte, for that the downes were ſo great, that they might eaſily defend themſelues from the ſhot.

The Hollanders in that ſort keeping themſelues cloſe, the enemie ſuppoſed that they were in minde to retire backe againe; ſo that beeing before fled out of the Towne, they returned into it againe, (as it was certified vnto the Hollanders) to reſiſt them, and to that end placed Ordinance vpon the hil, that lay vpon the right hand of the way vnto the ſhore, wherewith they did much hurt vnto the Hollanders, for that from the ſayd hill they ſhot many of their men, and likewiſe ſhotte mightily from the Caſtle with diuers woodden bullets, which did much miſchiefe.

The Generall perceiuing no meanes to winne the Towne, vnleſſe ſome great ſhotte were planted before it (for they from the hill ſhotte ſo hard, as alſo from the Caſtle, who for the want of Iron bullets, ſhotte bullets of Tinne and Lead, that no good on his ſide could bee done) vſed all the ſpeede that might bee, to plant a batterie, and to place Ordinance before the Towne. Whereupon ſending for the great peeces that lay in the Caſtle that Captaine *Iohn Allertſ.* kept, placed as many of them as they could before the Towne, not without very great labour and paine: for that many times the peeces beeing drawne halfe way forward, brake their carriages, whereby that day they could bring but three peeces before the Towne, whereof two were appoynted to ſhoote towards the hill, and therewith, (although very high to ſhoote vp) draue the Spaniards to ſuch a poynt,

that they left ſhooting, not daring to ſtand cloſe together, as they did before the Hollanders planted their Ordinance: and when the Hollanders were drawing the peeces towardes the towne, many times ſhot ſome of their men. The Hollanders, hauing ſhot eight times, did likewiſe ceaſe; meane time preparing their batterie, in the night placing two Demie Cannons among their batterie: but in the meane time the Spaniards conuayed all their goods and treaſure out of the town, not many men remaining within it, perceiuing that the Hollanders minded to winne it by force; ſo that they conueyed all their goods vpon the hilles.

The twentie eight of Iune, earlie in the morning, the two demy Cannons being placed in batterie againſt the Caſtle, Captaine *Rem Euartſon* was appoynted with his ſhippe to ſayle before the Towne, and to ſhoote at it, and they on land battered the Caſtle, with two peeces of Artillerie.

Meane time there were three demy Cannons more placed in batterie, which were likewiſe appoynted to batter the Caſtle, ſo that as then they beat it with fiue peeces together.

Then they ſent two companies of ſouldiours vpon the hill, who as then had a right path vnto the towne, the one being the companie of *Monſieur Meerkercke*, the other of Coronell *Stoem*, the companie of *Damas Verloo* compaſsing beneath about the foote of the hill.

In this ſort the Generall battered the Caſtle with fiue peeces, ſo that in the end the Spaniards within the Caſtle forſooke it, and fled, after that the Hollanders had diſcharged fortie foure times vpon it: which the Generall perceiuing, preſently ſent a companie of men into it, and withall ſette fire vpon the Towne gate, thereby to make paſſage for the Souldiours to enter: but while the gate burnt, the Saylors could by no meanes enter into the Towne.

But the two companies of Souldiours that went vp the hill, had a right path vnto the Towne, as alſo the companie of *Damas Verloo*, that compaſſed about the foote of the hill:

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but the Saylors could not enter before the fire was ceaſſed and the gate emptied, for that the Spaniards had filled the gate with ſtones vp to the middle: but the Generall behaued himſelfe ſo valiantly, that hee cauſed certaine companies with lathers to ſcale the walles, he himſelfe in perſon entering with them: in the meane time, the three companies from the hill with their colours diſplaid, marched towards the towne, and entering, went into the market place, where they ſtayed to ſee if any reſiſtance would be made. The fire at the gate being quenched, and the ſtones borne away, the troupe of Amſterdam were appointed to bring 4. demy Cannons into the towne, which they muſt do before that any of them ſhould enter; which was ſpeedily performed, euery man being very diligent to worke, that they might enter into the towne, hoping to get great riches, each man thinking to do his beſt, but all in vayne, for the Spaniards had conuayed all their goods out of the towne.

While the Demy cannons were drawing into the towne, there came a Saylor being of Fluſhing, out of the towne, who for the ſpace of fiue yeeres had beene kept there in the holy houſe, who perceiuing *Cornelis Leinſen* Admirall of the Zealād ſhips, and for that he knew him, he fel downe at his feet, calling him his deliuerer (next vnder God) out of priſon, wherein he had remained for the ſpace of 5. yeeres: which done, hee was led before the Generall.

The cōpany of Soldiers being entred into the Caſtle, they found in it 5. great peeces of ordinaunce.

The ordinance being brought into the towne, & the troupe of Amſterdam, whoſe Coronell was *Cornelis Remmiſen*, hauing vnder him 3. companies of Saylors, being entered, after him followed the troupe of Zealād, with the troupe of the Maze in Holland. Whereof one part being entered, they were commaunded to ſtay in a plaine field, vntill the Generall had appointed euery man his quarter: wherby it was very late, before the Captaines entered into their quarters, where they found the houſes empty, except it were here and there ſome women: for the Spaniards were all fled away with their goods.

The 29. of Iune, hauing throughly searched throughout the towne, & not finding any man, the General caused certain cõpanies of Souldiers to present thẽselues before the castle that stood vpon the South side of the towne, & to sommon them to yeeld: but when they approched it, they found no man within it. Which done, one cõpany entred, wherein they left 20. souldiers, and in it they found 3. great peeces of ordinance, but all stopped with nailes, stones and other such like things, to make thẽ vnseruiceable. The rest of the cõpanies reẽtered the towne. This castle stood about the length of a Cãnon shot southward without the towne, being very strõg, for that the one side therof stood in the water, so that in a manner it was inuincible.

But God, in whose power all conquests consist, had stricken the Spaniards hearts with feare, for it was not wonne by force: for assure your selues, if they had holden the first castle, it would hàue beene a very daungerous way to haue passed to the towne: and againe the castle that stood vpon the strand, where the ships entered, could shoote crossewise one from the other, so that not any man could haue passed without great danger. God be praised for this victory.

But to returne againe vnto the matter, the company of souldiers being reentered, in the euening the Generall sent 10. saylors of Captaine *Harman Michtelſ.* company, & 10. of Captaine *Rem Euartſ.* cõpany their ensigne, being lieutenãt of the said captaine *Rem Euartſ.* and euery night they were releeued, for that they lay therein in great daũger, because the Spaniards might easily haue hidden themselues in the vineyards, and seing conuenient time either in the entry or issuing of the Hollanders, might haue cut them off. For that (as it is said before) the castle stood a Cannon shot from the towne.

The 30. of Iune, there was a parle with the Spaniards touching the ransoming of the towne, or els to suffer it to be burnt: the Spaniard would giue no money, but proffered the Generall to furnish his whole Nauy with sufficient wine, saying that they had no money, wherewith they departed for that time, not effecting any thing.

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The 1. of Iuly, the word of God was preached within the towne of great Canaria, in S. Annes Church, where there assembled great nũbers of saylors & souldiers, as also the Generall, with al his Marshal coũsell & other Captaines: the preachers text being taken out of the 103. *Psalm*, the people singing the 100. *Psalm*, thanking and praising God for the victory, all with one consent calling vpon the name of the Lord.

The 2. of Iuly, a Marshall court was holden to punish two malefactors, whose sentence was to be hanged.

The 3. of Iuly, the malefactors were brought forth to executiõ, & being in the market place, one of thẽ had his pardon, the other was hanged: at the same time there was a small murmuring amõg the cõmon souldiers, being desirous to chase the enemy that had fled vp into the hilles with their goods, yet no man made the Generall acquainted therewith.

This murmuring still continuing, the Generall was content to permit 6. companies to go vp vpon the hilles, to chase the enemy, the companies being Captaine *Iohn Lambertsen Hoy*, Captaine *Iochem Hendrickſ. Swarten hondt*, Captaine *Cornelis Claesen*: the Ensigne being *Claes Cornelisen*, the sonne of *Cornelis Claesen*, captaine *Knooper*, captaine *Quack*, and the company of captaine *Moye Iaques* of Rotterdam, which companies vpon the hill lost many of their men, most dying by reason of the great heat, some of them went aside to winne some pray, but before they could be releeued, many of them were slaine by the enemy: in this fury was slaine captaine *Moye Iaques* of Rotterdam.

Coronel *Cornelis Remmisen*, with the company of Captaine *Rem Euartſ.* and Captaine *Harman Michelsen*, had the reareward, but were constrained to retire backe with losse of many of their men, being sent forth in the hotest time of the day, and about euening returned backe againe, without doing any exploite.

The 4. of Iuly, the Hollãders with their colours displaied issued out of the towne, who by the Generals cõmandemẽt set it on fire in diuers places, taking with thẽ al the great shot, bels, &

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whatsoeuer the Spaniards had left behind them, but great shot was the best prize that was found within Canaria: for they found in the Iland of Canaria 19. brasse, and 6. yron peeces, which were all ladē aboord the ships, without any hurt, or misfortune to any man.

The 6. of Iuly, the Generall put forth two flags, for a signe that all the Captaines, and Masters should go aboord his ship, that he might consult with them.

Where it was ordeined, that each Captaine either of Souldiers or Sailers, should bring forth all the prizes, that they had gotten in the Iland of great Canaria, & that vpon their oath.

And that the same goods whether it were victuals, drink, or any other thing, should by the Pursers of euery ship, together with an officer of the Souldiers, and one of the Saylers, be registred, and by them openly sold, alwaies prouided that no Souldier should bestow more then the value of one moneths pay, vnles the Captaine gaue his word, or bought it with ready money.

That the victuals and drinke should not be sold, but onely registred; and whosoeuer should be found, to haue concealed any thing, should be punished according to the contents of the article in that case prouided: and further, to be dismissed of his part of the prizes taken, as also that should be taken during the whole viage.

Each Prouost, or any other person, that should haue intelligence of any such concealed goods, or that could name any man that had concealed any thing, the said Prouost, or other person, should haue the one halfe thereof, the other halfe to be kept, for the vse & commodity of wounded men in that viage, whether they be Souldiers or Saylers.

Each Purser should keepe a perfect register of all the goods found within their ships, how much they were sold for, which they should deliuer vnto the principall Secretary, to the end that the monies proceeding thereof, might be iustly and truly imployed to the vse and benefit of the whole army. It was to be vnderstood, that all the goods sold at that time, should be brought

brought forth, and that the buiers thereof ſhould ſeeke their warrants of the ſellers.

The great ſhot found in the firſt Caſtle.

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One braſſe peece, waighing	6833.	17.
one braſſe peece waighing	4254.	17.
one peece	4142.	17.
one braſſe peece w.	6961.	17.
one braſſe peece w.	2162.	6.
one braſſe peece w.	4500.	38.
one braſſe peece w.	2115.	6.
one braſſe peece w.	4450.	17.
one braſſe peece waighing	4780.	40.
More, as they entred, they found vpon the ſtrand one field peece waighing about 2100. pound, with 2. baſſes of braſſe.	all 40197. li.	

Great ſhot found in the ſecond Caſtle on the North ſide of the Towne.

	li.
One braſſe peece waighing	6772
one braſse peece w.	1800
one braſse peece w.	4254
one braſse peece w.	3506
one braſse peece w.	1680
Found vpon a hill a field peece	1400
and two baſses of braſse	
	17412

Great ſhot found in the caſtle on the South ſide of the Towne.

	li.
One braſse peece waighing	6068
one braſse peece w.	4653
one braſse peece w.	1377
and ſome bullets.	
	12098

Alſo all the belles, which they tooke with them.

They likewiſe ſunke a ſhip lying before the firſt caſtle, that lay to be laden for the weſt Indies: there was alſo an other Spaniſh barke, which they tooke with them, & of all the great ſhot taken in Canaria, one peece was ſunke, & by captaine *Bankes* meanes, there was an other braſſe peece left on ſhore.

There was other goods brought aboord the ſhip (which by the Generals commaundement) was ſold before the maſt of euery ſhip. They had in the towne 140. pipes of wine, and a great number of pottes of oyle. The men they loſt in Canaria were 1440. dead, and 60. wounded.

The 6. of Iuly, the Generall commaunded captaine *Ruyts* ſhip of Rotterdam to be vnrigged, becauſe it had a great leake, and was wholy vnſeruiceable, which being on land was burnt, and in ſtead thereof rigged a barke by them taken in Canaria, wherein captaine *Ruyt* put his men, and was one of them that was appointed for the longer viage.

The 7. of Iuly, lying ſtill before Canaria, the townes-men came forth with a flagge of peace, deſiring to redeeme ſome of the priſoners, for the enemy had taken 4. of the Hollanders, who vpon the 3. of Iuly were left vpon the hill, ſicke & wholy vnable to trauell: & it appeareth that one of thoſe 4. priſoners came from a Spaniard that had his ſonne priſoner in the ſhip called the Orange, wherein the Generall himſelfe ſayled, being one of them that went out of the caſtle. But vpon deliberation take, anſwere was made them, that they ſhould returne againe the next day.

The 8. of Iuly, very early they came againe vnto the Generall, ſhewing him that the principall of the towne had taken their priſoners from them, as it was true. For the Spaniards would not agree to any ranſome.

Then the Spaniards that were priſoners, being about 60. perſons, were deuided into diuers ſhips: which done, the Nauy put to ſea, from the North end of the Iſland of Canaria, with a Northeaſt wind, and in the euening caſt anker againe vnder the South end of the Iſland.

The 9. of Iuly, being yet vnder the South end of the Iſland

of Canaria, many of their mē bestowed their time in lading of fresh water, & wherſoeuer they went on shore, burnt al before them. The same day the Generall made a signe, that all the Purſers should go aboord his ship, there to deliuer the Regiſters of the goods that were sold, which they deliuered vnto *Wieringhen* the Generals Secretary.

The 10. of Iuly, they set saile from off the South end of great Canaria, hauing calme weather, and variable ayre, but in the euening they had a stiffe wind out of the Northeast, wherewith they held their course West Southweſt, & by night the wind being high, they were constrained to take in their Marssailes, & to runne Northweſt, holding their course to *Teneriffa*, minding to do some exploite vpon *Geracico*, but not long after, they altered their mindes.

The 11. & 12. of Iuly, hauing strange & hard weather, they vsed all the meanes they could to get to *Gommera*, the wind being as then North Northeast, with foule weather.

The 13. of Iuly, hauing calme weather, they yet sought to get vnder *Gommera*, which they did, about 12. of the clocke at noone: with that the Generall put forth his accustomed token, to call all the Captaines and Masters aboord his shippe, where it was agreed to send three companies of souldiers into a creeke, there to take land, which was about halfe a mile from the towne, which companies should march ouer the hilles, & they in the meane time with the whole Nauy would vse all the diligence they could to get before the towne, which they did: the cōpanies being gone, the Nauy made towards the towne, where being come, they prepared themselues to land the souldiers, which with great diligence was done.

Now lying at ancker before the towne, presently the souldiers and saylers were put into the small boates, attending a signe from the Generall.

Then the Generall putting forth his colours, all together at one instāt they rowed to shore, which was done with great expedition, they of the towne not once making any resistāce: but as they of Canaria did flee vp into ꝧ moūtains, not leauing any

thing behind them, and whatsoeuer they could not carry, they hid it so well that it could hardly be found.

The companies of souldiers & saylers being on land, & Sentinels placed, the 3. companies that were sent ouer the hilles came vnto them, who had sent 20. muskettiers out of each cõpany, (to see if the Spaniards would make any resistance) who descending downe the hill, perceiued certaine Asses laden by the Spaniards, which they made after, thinking to get a good prize, & to be the lighter left all their muskets: which the Spaniards that lay hidden in the vineyards perceiuing, left their ambustadoes, and comming forth slewe them all: in this ouerthrow there were 58. slaine, who being dead the Spaniards stripped off all their clothes, & went away with the pray. In the meane time the three companies hauing lost 60. or at the least 58 men, entered into the towne.

The 14. of Iuly, by great labour & paines taken in digging, the Hollanders found 8. pipes of wine within the groũd, which were presently laden in the Captaines ships that were appointed for the longer viage, the pipe valued at 7. pound Flemish: meane time many of the saylers brought fresh water aboord, the better to be prouided in their viage.

The 15, of Iuly, being yet busied to lade water and other balast, they found two Demy cannons, which the Spaniards had buried in the earth.

The 16. of Iuly, in the morning, the Generall put forth his accustomed tokens, to call the Captaines & Masters aboord his ship, where it was agreed, that the ships appointed for the longer viage, should be prouided as need required, and that they should take out of the ships appointed to returne againe into Holland, as much victuals as the said shippes could well spare: which was done, and presently thereupon laded all the wheat and rie out of the one ships into the others, against they should haue neede to bake it, for the preseruation of their liues, if the viage happened to be long.

It was also concluded, that all the companies of souldiers should marche vp the hilles, to chase the enemy: meane time

the saylers should stay within the towne.

So vpó the 17. of Iuly, in the morning about 2. houres before day, with a still drum they marched vp, hauing very cold and fine weather, but returned againe the same day, not doing any exployt: which done, the saylers were sent on board the ships.

The 18. of Iuly, vsing great diligence in digging, they found another demy cannon and two belles.

The 19. of Iuly, all the souldiours being shipped, the Generall gaue commandement to sette the towne on fire: and at that present the souldiours were deuided and placed in the ships that should goe the longer viage.

The 20. of Iuly, the Generall put foorth his accustomed signes, to call all the Captains and masters aboord his shippe, where the shippes that should goe the longer viage, were appoynted, separated, and made readie to set sayle.

The 21. of Iuly, all the Nauie put to sayle from Gommera, hauing the winde North-weast, and being somewhat off from the land, departed from each other, the shippes for the long viage being in all 34.

The ships appoynted to returne to Holland, vsed all the meanes they could to passe betweene Teneriffa and Gommera, being in number 37. shippes great and small: but perceiuing it to bee impossible to passe betweene the Islandes, for that beeing there it blue so stiffe, that they could hardly beare any sayle: they stroue to passe betweene Palma and Gommera, which they likewise could not passe, so that the 22. 23. and 24. dayes of Iuly, they kept thereabouts: at that time the Admirall *Iohn Garbritsz.* the Vice-admirall *Logier Petersen*, and the scout *Cornelis Clausen*, with most of the companie, separated themselues from the rest of the shippes.

The 25. of Iuly, holding their course South and by west, they were vnder 21. degrees.

The 26. of Iuly, they held their course South and by west, with little winde, the wind being North-east and by east, with a good pleasing gale.

The 27. of Iuly, the allowance of bread among the soul-

diours was abated, becauſe they ſuppoſed the viage would be longer then it fell out.

The 28. 29. and 30. of Iuly, their courſe beeing South-weſt, and by Weſt, the wind North-weſt, the Captaines and Maſters went all aboord the Generals ſhip, which dayes they miſt the ſhippes of Brother *Ianſen*, becauſe it had ſayled forward, and the reſt of the ſhips changed their courſe: and the ſame day likewiſe, they diſcryed the Iſland of Saint *Nicholas*, being from them South-weſt and by weſt.

The 31. of Iuly in the morning, they were right vnder the Iſland, and had almoſt ſayled round about it, becauſe they could finde no anker ground, ſo that they lette their boates ſayle cloſe vnder the Iſland to ſeeke a road, where they found two roades, wherein all the ſhippes might lie, about a Coluerin ſhot diſtant from the land, and twelue fadome water, and there ſtood three houſes.

The firſt of Auguſt, they diſcryed the Iſland of Saint *Luce*, diſtant from them Weſt north-weſt: all that day they ſtayed by the Iſland of Saint *Nicholas*, and with their Pinnaces went on land, to ſee if they might finde freſh water for their Nauie, but they found not any. There they ſaw verie great Torteauxes, whereof they tooke one that weighed almoſt three hundred pound. The ſame day all the Captaines and Maſters met on boord the Generall, to take counſell whether they ſhould ſayle to get freſh water: at laſt it was concluded to ſayle to *Iſola de Maio*, where certain of their ſhalops went on land for freſh water: but by reaſon of the vnſeaſonable heate of the ground, they loſt ſeuenteene men, and certaine of their ſhalops ouerturned.

The ſecond of Auguſt, they helde their courſe South-eaſt and by eaſt, with a calme all the day long.

The third of Auguſt in the morning, they diſcryed the Iſland of Saint *Iames*: and the ſame day they took a Torteaux, hauing at the leaſt fiue hundred egges in her belly, a hundred and fiftie of them hauing ſhelles, the reſt without ſhelles, as hennes vſe to haue in their bodies, beeing very great, as big as

a ball

a ball of a ſtiuer; with the which egges they made tanſeyes, which taſted very well: of the fleſh of the Torteaux, they made hodge-podge, and it taſted like bacon. The egges that were ſhelled, had ſhelles like winde-egges, wherewith they played at tennis aboord the ſhips, which rebounded like a tennis ball, and you muſt ſtrike very hard with them before they would breake.

The fourth of Auguſt in the morning they made towardes the land, and about noone ankered vnder the Iſland *de Maio*, where the Generall went on ſhore, and there ſtayed till the next day at noone.

The fift of Auguſt, there came a ſhippe vnto them, that had beene vnder fiue degrees Northward of the Equinoctiall line, to ſayle to Braſilia, and was conſtrayned, hauing a leake, to put to the ſhore with them, beeing a Venetian. The Captaines name was *Antonie Boloria*; the ſhippe was laden at *Calis Malis*, with wine, oyle, and other goods: which ſhippe and goods hee auouched to bee his, but it was found to bee contrarie, for that the Marchant beeing a Spaniard, was there preſent, meaning to ſell their wares at Braſilia, ſo that both the goods and Marchant were found good prize; and the Captaine with his ſhippe and thirtie Pipes of wine for his neceſſarie prouiſion, let depart, becauſe hee was a Venetian, balaſing his ſhippe with certaine pipes of ſalt-water.

The ſame day they ſent out a Pinnace, with a man of warre, beeing of Zealand, to chaſe a ſhippe that they eſpied: which ſhippe beeing taken, was found to bee a Portingall, laden in Porta Port, with wine, oyle, linnencloath, Silkes and Veluets, which amounted vnto (as the Captaine of the ſaide ſhippe teſtified vnto them) 20000 duckets.

The tenth of Auguſt, they put to ſea againe, to meete the Portingall with their two ſhippes that went to chaſe him, for that the prize was ſo euill of ſayle, that it could not make to them, but by night both ſhee and their two ſhippes came among

among the fleet: and at that time alſo brother *Ianſens* ſhippe, which had beene miſsing thirteene dayes, came likewiſe to the fleete.

The 11. of Auguſt, they returned again vnto the rode, from whence the day before they had departed, where they began to vnlade their prize, which by their Marſhal court was foūd lawfull; the ſhip and goods both being forfeit: the ſhip had in it eight Iron peeces.

The 12. of Auguſt, there boorded thē foure men out of the Iſland *de Maio*, ſhewing them that in the Iſland there dwelt no more but foure Moores, & fiue white men: in the Iſland were very faire horſes, that ranne about the country, and great hennes, that went as faſt as a dog, and being weary with going, flew away: they are commonly taken by night in the trees, and thouſands of goates.

The 15. of Auguſt, the blacke dog, & *Albert Ianſ.* returned again vnto them as they lay at anker, bringing with them two Spaniſh barkes, each hauing three baſes in them, the one vnladen, wherein they put diuers priſoners, and let them ſayle to Saint Iacobs: the other was laden with cotten wooll, and came from *Ciuill*: they brought likewiſe a ſhip of *Marſellis*, of 100. tunnes, laden with wine and oyle.

The ſame day there came vnto them two Netherland ſhips, which ſet ſayle out of the Weelings, hauing bene fiue weekes and a halfe vpon their viage, they brought them newes that the enemie was gone to lie three miles from Bommel, and that being vnder Goutſtrat, they ſpake with three of the ſhips that went for the Eaſt Indies, and with them was a pinnace, all being of Amſterdam, very richly laden: the two Netherland ſhips were ſayling to the weſt Indies for ſalt.

The ſame day they put to ſayle, and departed from the Iſland *de Maio*, holding their courſe South South-eaſt: the winde Northeaſt, with a good gale of winde. The ſame night the barke taken by the blacke dogge, loſt both her maine maſt, and her forke maſt.

The 21. of Auguſt, holding their courſe South-eaſt, with a good

good gale of wind, in the night time they loſt one of their Purſers, he was ſick, but no mā knew what was become of him.

The 31. of Auguſt, in the morning, they fell cloſe vpon the land of Gommera, by a high peece of ground reaching into the ſea, which is called Cape de Monta, where they ankered, about three ſmall miles from the land, at ſixteene fadome water, where, vpō the one ſide of the ſhip they foūd the water to be freſh, & on the other ſide ſalt, & Eaſt and by ſouth from them, they ſaw a great riuer, all the coaſt of the land being full of trees; the riuer was called Rio Noua.

The 1. of Septēber, they fetched freſh water out of the riuer.

The fift of September, the Generall entered into a Riuer, called Rio de Puntes, where they found about thirtie wilde men, moſt of them naked, and amongſt them was their kings ſonne, who ſtayed alone with them in the Generalles pinnace for the ſpace of an houre: hee brought them a tinne veſſell full of ſodden rice, with two ſodden hennes, and the Generall gaue him a potte of twelue gallons of wine, and a boxe of Marmalade.

The 6. of September, they put to ſea, and that day eight Cannoes of wilde men made towards their ſhips, ſome with three, and ſome with foure men in a Cannoe, whereof ſome boorded their ſhippes: they held their courſe that day South ſouth-eaſt.

The tenth of September in the morning, they diſcryed the Cape de los Palmos.

The 11. of September, to the 19. they draue vpon the ſea with calme weather: in the which time all the Captains & maſters conſulted with the Generall, about the landing of the Iſland of Saint Thomas, with 1400. men.

The 22. of September in the morning, they diſcried the Iſland of S. Thomas, being South and by weſt from them.

The 23. of September, they held their courſe Eaſtward, not to be diſcouered by thoſe of the Iſland, being of opinion, that they could not enter into the roade: ſo that after noone, they ſailed by the ſhore (determining to ſáil) to the Cape de Loupes

Gonſalues, and ſo to come againe on the South ſide of Saint Thomas, for that the roade was on the South ſide, but they could hardly ſayle from the North ſide, becauſe of the calmeneſſe vnder the land.

The 24. of September, they diſcryed the land called *Iſola de Prince*, diſtant Northeaſt.

The 25. of Septēber, the aire being very thick and darke, as if ſome great tempeſt would haue followed, as the aire vſeth to be ſo darke about the line, which neuer could be found otherwiſe by any ſayler: but where they perceiue a darke cloude in the aire, preſently they take in all their ſayles, for that there commeth a ſodaine and terrible blaſt of wind, thundering and lightning, which continueth for the ſpace of 2. or 3. houres, and by ſaylers is called Trauades: which gone, it is preſently faire weather again: but God be thanked, they had all faire weather, not hauing any Trauades all the way vnto the Cape.

The 27. of September, all the Captaines went aboord the Admirall, who gaue thē their charge to follow him, if the next day they might land in the Iſland of Saint Thomas.

The 30. of September, all the Captaines were againe called aboord the Admirall, to appoynt good order to be holden being on land: halfe that day they ſayled before the wind, that they might reach the ſloweſt ſhips, and the ſame day there was ſuch a number of fiſhes about the Admirals ſhip, that no man could number them, whereby they tooke them in with baskets, being as bigge as Smelts, and after them followed 2. or 3. hundred great fiſhes to deuoure them: whereby there roſe ſuch a noyſe in the water, as if it had beene a tempeſt: yet was the weather very faire and calme: but there ordinarily the ſea is ful of fiſh. One of the ſaylers had hanged a paire of breeches ouer-boord for the ſpace of an houre, and when hee drew them vp againe, he found in them at the leaſt 700. fiſhes. The ſame day as diuers boates lay on boord the Admirall, one of them had the rother broken off by a fiſh, & diuers of the fiſhes leapt into the boates.

The firſt of October at noone, they were about a mile from

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the land, that is, three miles, ſayling from the Cape of *Loupes Gonſalues*.

The third of October they ſayled with a good gale of winde.

The fift of October in the morning, they ſet ſayle, and by night lay vnder the land. The ſame day they let a prize driue vpon the ſea, hauing ſet it on fire, but firſt vnladē al her goods.

The ſixt of October they ſayled with a South-wind.

The tenth of October they ankered vnder the land, hard by the Cape, where they found a ſhip of Amſterdam, beeing the ſhip which they before had diſcried.

The ſame day the Admirall ſent his pinnace to a riuer about foure miles from the Cape *de Loupes Gonſalues*, for freſh water, where they ſayled about foure miles vp into the Riuer: whereon there ſtood a great village, which with their pinnace they could not approach, by reaſon that the trees ſtood ſo thicke vpon the ſhore: and as the Pinnace ſayled forward, great numbers of Monkies leaped in, and about it; at the laſt they ſhotte off a musket, whereupon preſently there came diuers wilde men in Cannoes of ſixe foote long that brought them (hauing a little Iron and linnen-cloth which they had taken with them, to prouide ſome fruite, egges, and fleſh for the Admirall) to the village, where they found a companie of wilde men ſtanding with their Captaine, the Captaine hauing a ruſtie ſword vpon his ſhoulder, with an olde cappe vpon his head, which brought them preſently into the village, and to their kings houſe, whome they found ſitting making money of mother of Pearle: which money (as they ſayd) he onely vſed when hee meant to buy himſelfe a wife of his enemie, and no man might make ſuch money but hee.

The Hollanders beeing there, the King preſently layde downe his tooles, and ſate ſtill in his ſeate verie ſtoutly, after their maner, hauing a long beard with diuers rings, paynted about his armes, and about his eyes of diuers colours, with a hatte vpon his head, beeing all ſtucke round

about with great pinnes, in maner of a crown, in such sort, that at the first the Hollanders were abashed, for that hee seemed like a diuell: behind him sat two of his wiues, the one all black, the other all red painted, and were naked, onely that they had certaine cloathes about their priuities.

Now the Hollanders standing before the King, the King spake fiue wordes one before the other: which words both they, and all the wilde men that were present, must speake after him: but the Hollanders vnderstood not what they meant: and when the words were ended, they all together clapt their hands; whereupon the Hollanders had free libertie to goe into the village to bartle and buy what they would.

They brought some of the Hollanders into their Temple, where they perceiued a very old blacke leane man, with a gray beard, sitting as still as if hee had beene dead, at whose feete the wilde men fell downe, for they held him for a great Prophet: it is to be supposed that hee was a south-sayer, and that hee dealt with the diuell, for there they knew not what God is: when it lighteneth & thũdereth, as there it doth very sore & often, then they pray vnto their Prophet that it may cease: for their opinion is, that as then the diuel tempteth them, and that hee is supposed to bee a South-sayer: the reason was, for that one of the Hollanders had lost a peece of linnen, about tenne elles long, which some of the wilde men had stolen from him, & there was one of the wilde men that could speak Portingall, that as the Hollanders were going out of the village, shewed them thereof, and went and shewed the Captaine: whereupon the Captain went presently backe again into the village, & to the temple, where he vnderstood who had stolen it, so that he brought the peece of linnen to them againe.

In the village you shall not finde any handi-crafts men, but onely two Smithes, which made nothing else, but heades for pikes and darts, for there the wilde men make great warres against their neighbours: euerie seuen or eight miles they haue a king, by the parting of certaine riuers within the land.

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The women of this village seeme to be very desirous of the company of white men, as it appeared at the Hollanders departure from them, by a Gentelman, called *Lanscroen*, who being compassed about by many of the women, euery one sought to haue their wil of him; but he not being willing thereunto, got away from them.

The 17. of October in the morning, they saw the Island of *S. Thomas* being Northwest from them, all that day with little sayle, holding Northwest, they compassed about, the better to know the land.

The 19. of October in the morning, being arriued in the road of *S. Thomas*, presently the Generall landed, with all their souldiers, and at their landing found no resistance: & so marching orderly towards the towne, they met a cõpany of men cõming from the towne, who for the space of an hower shot at them, but the Hollanders lost not aboue 2. or 3. men: which done, they marched forward, and they of the towne fled into the moũtaines, so that the Hollanders were presently masters of the towne, and at their pleasures laded the goods which they found there, into their shippes.

The same day, *Ellert de Ionghe*, Captaine of the artillery for the viage, in the name of Graue Maurice, the states of Holland, & the General, summoned the castell to yeeld, their liues saued, but they refused the condition: whereupon the said *Ellert* was by the said Generall sent againe, to will them to yeeld vp the castle vpon the aforesaid conditions, or if they refused, & would stay the plãting of ordinãce (which was ready) before it, that then they should expect nothing but death. Which they againe denied: saying, that they had takẽ an oth vntõ the King, so that they could not so lightly yeeld vp such a castle.

The same night the battery was prepared, and by day two peeces of ordinance were planted, which they of the castle perceyuing, in the morning put forth an Ensigne of peace, desiring that two of their men might speake with the Generall to agree with him about the deliuery of the castle, which was graunted them, each party meeting: meane time the Hollan-

ders placed seuen peeces to batter it.

The 21. of Octob. in the morning, by agreement made, the castle was yeelded vp, the men that were in it being prisoners, vpon condition that they should be ransomed, euery man according to his ability.

The 22. of October, 200. men being sent to the second castle about an houres going from the towne, on the North side, they within the castle being afraid, fled and forsooke it, wherin they found three brasse peeces, which castle they presently manned, and at their departure threw it downe.

The 23. of Octob. the captaine of the Artillery & captaine *Loe*, were appointed to march into the Island, who riding vpon two horses sent them by the enemy, presently set forward, for it was the enemies desire, and in their places two of the enemy remained as pledges: and being in the land they found a troupe of about 600. men all naked, with peeces on their shoulders, except about 40. Portingales that were among them, who notwithstãding shewed to be very weake of complexion. In this Island are many slaues, some of the Portingales haue 150. and he is but a meane man, that hath not at the least 3. or 400. slaues.

The same day they departed, & it was on both sides agreed, that the next day they should meet againe.

The 24. of October, the said captaines went againe into the Island, hauing aduertised the Generall what they had done, & within 3. houres after returning againe to make report vnto the Generall of their proceedings, they found him dead: for that when they spake with him before, his sicknes was no other but a kind of weaknes, which had continued two daies, yet did he not leaue walking and standing: whereupon hee caused himselfe to be let bloud in the arme, which being done, & feeling himselfe very weake, said vnto those that were present by him, This sicknes taketh me very sore: & so laid him downe in his clothes vpõ his bed, where he had not layne long, but presently being striken with death, without vttering any words he died. The same euening, certaine of the Captaines put him

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in a coffin, and gaue it out, that the Generals body ſhould be throwne into the Sea, becauſe it ſhould not be knowne by the enemy where they meant to bury him: wherupon he was preſently conueyed into a boate, & ſo rowed from the land, and about midnight brought againe to land: where being ariued, without any noiſe they buried him in a houſe within the towne of *S. Thomas*, which houſe after that, with all the houſes about it was burnt to aſhes.

Touching the ranſoming of the caſtles, the towne and Churches were not cõprehended therein, for that their higheſt offer was not aboue 10. thouſand Duckets.

The 25. of October, they made a trench within the towne.

The 27. of Octob. the peeces appointed for battery being brought thither, preſently they lodged their mẽ in the trench.

The 28. of October, in the euening the Spaniards ſet the towne on fire in three places.

The 3. of Nouember, the Hollanders iſſued out of the town onely to ſet the country on fire.

The 4. of Nouember, they ſhipped their men, and ſet all the towne on fire.

The great ordinance that they found in the firſt caſtle were 21. braſſe peeces great and ſmall.

Firſt, two Double cannons, each waighing 10000. pound, their bullet being 57. pound.

Ten braſſe peeces waighing one with the other 3300. li.

Nine baſſes of braſſe being moſt of them red copper.

There was likewiſe 3. baſſes of braſſe, and certaine yron peeces found in the towne.

The goods in the towne were certaine thouſand cheſts of ſuger, and a great number of very great Elephants teeth, very much wool and ſilkes, with other wares, & many other things, with all the belles.

Alſo in the road they found 2. ſhips ful laden with ſuger, ech of them being of 180. tunnes: in one of the ſhips there was a broken peece of ordinance of 10000. li. waight, red copper, which they meant to haue molten in Lisbon.

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The 5. of October, they set saile, all the prisoners of the castle being ransomed, onely the Gouernour of the Island, & him they tooke with thē: which done, they made towards the cape *de Loupes Gonsalues*.

The 7. of Octob. captaine *Cloyer* died, being Vice Admiral.

The description of the Island of S. Thomas.

THe Island of *S. Thomas*, is an Island lying right vnder the *Equinoctial* line, almost round, and in compasse 15. Dutch miles. In the middle of this Island stādeth a great hill, compassed about with many trees, aboue, & betweene the which trees there is continually a dropping clowd, which yeeldeth so much water, that it maketh all the land about to continew moist, and very apt to bring foorth suger, by which meanes the whole Island abōūdeth so much in suger: the Island is most inhabited by Moores that gather & dresse the suger: in it there is but one small towne called *Poroasan*. The ayre is very vnwholesome, wherby such strangers or their issues, as dwell or come thither, commonly euery 8. daies are troubled with an ague, and lose many of their men. In it there groweth not any corne, nor wine: the principall meate of the inhabitants is a roote called *Igname*, their drinke being water or wine of Palme trees: in this Island are many trees, but fewe that beare fruit, they haue many birds of diuers colours, and some straunge beasts, as muskcats, and in the sea an innumerable number of Whales.

The 8. of October, brother *Ianſen* was chosen Vice Admirall.

The 29. of October, in the morning, an assembly was made in the fleet, and it was determined among them, presently to sayle homeward, for that in the space of two dayes, that they had sayled from *S. Thomas*, there died in their shippes about 1032. or 33. men, and had aboue 1000. more sicke, in such maner, that they could hardly rule their ships, being as then one degree Southward from the lyne, and from *S. Thomas* Westward 180. miles, holding their course Northwest.

The 30. of October, they draue with a calme vpon the Seas: then the Captaines of the ships agreed, that 6. of their shippes

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ſhould ſaile towards Braſilia, to ſee if they could fetch any ſhips from thence: the ſhips appointed were captaine Broer of Memelike, Admirall, captaine Leefhebber of the Maze, captaine Cat of Horne, captaine Hart of the Maze, captaine Albert Iohn Coxe, captaine Andreas of the Maze, the Pinnace of Peter Verdoes of the Maze, which ſhips the ſame day departed.

The 7. of Noueber, the fleet not being able to paſſe by the ſalt Iſlands, becauſe they lay too farre Northward from them, they were conſtrayned to ſaile almoſt to the Flemiſh Iſlands, hauing as then the ſunne at 13. degrees.

The ſame euening, as ſome of them ſat eating in their ſhip, the captaine asked if they ſhould haue any freſh fiſh that night? anſwere was made, no: but preſently God ſent them a flying fiſh aboord, and fell cloſe by them as they ſat at meat, being as great as a common Haddock: and becauſe God ſent them the fiſh ſo miraculouſly, therefore they commaunded the cooke preſently to broyle it: and before it was waſht & made cleane, God ſent them an other, which fell againſt a ſtoole as they ſat at the table.

The 16. of Nouember, the captaines aſſembled, the ſhippes bearing to Leeward.

The 20. of Nouember, in the morning betimes they diſcouered a ſtrange ſhip, but could not ouertake it, being the firſt ſayle that they had ſeene in their returne homeward, the weather being ſtill and cleere.

The 22. of Nouember, they held to Leeward, to ſtay for 11. of their ſhippes, thinking they were behind, but could not heare any newes of them.

The 23. of Nouember, in the morning, being 25. ſhippes together, the wind began to riſe high and higher.

The 24. of Nouember in the morning, they were but foure ſhips in company.

The fiue and twentieth day of Nouember, they ſayled before the wind, after three ſhips that lay to Leeward from

them, being of their owne company.

The 31. of December, they were 5. ships in company.

The first of February, the ship wherein captaine *Ellert de Ionghe* was, found it selfe alone without company, and so continewed til the 6. of February, when it found an Englishmā that had taken a barke, wherein they were, for that their owne ship was suncke, which Englishman for the space of sixe dayes before, had had no drinke, so that the Hollander gaue them both water and wine.

The tenth day the ship draue in great danger to be lost, if God had not holpen it.

The 14. of February, there came to Plimmouth the shippe called the Golden Lion, wherein died 111. men. Eight daies after, the Orange tree, being the Generals ship, arriued there, hauing cast 120. of 150. men ouerboord that died in her, and in the ship were but 6. sound men, the rest sicke.

Being in England, the Lion and the Orange tree tooke in fresh men.

The 1. of March, the ship that was left alone, went to sea, and the 9. of the same moneth it arriued in the Tassell. And all the shippes that came in either before or after it, had but few men, and were in great danger.

Touching the great death of men that happened among them, was partly that there is a great heat, and an vnwholesome aire in the Island of Saint *Thomas*, because it lieth right vnder the Equinoctiall line, so that many of their men died of burning feauers, through the heate of the sunne, which bred great paine in their heads, so that in three or foure dayes they were aliue and dead, which is there called *la Madoure*: for by experience they found in one that died sodainely, that all the fat in his belly and guts was wholly molten, and lay at the bottome of his belly like water: this cutting of him vp was done, because diuers of their men complained of a pain in their bellies: some of them going and standing, without any sicknesse to bee perceiued in them, fell out of their wits, so that

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foure men had sufficient to doe to hold them vntill they died: this madnesse proceeded from the heate of the sunne, that caused the braines in their heads to stirre or moue.

Many died with eating too much of the blacke sugar, and of the great Palme-tree nuts, which haue much sweete liquor within them, wherewith they drunke themselues giddie, and thereby got a loosenesse in their bodies, as also by the blacke sugar, whereof presently insued the bloudy flix, so that many died of that disease.

Many also spoyled themselues by lying naked vpon the hatches in the night time when the Moone shined (to coole thēselues) which thereabouts yeldeth a venimous vnwholsome aire, specially when men sleepe.

Some vsed the companie of the blacke women, and thereby many of them lost their liues: the women being so hot of nature, that they are wholly contrarie to the nature of white men, and not to bee esteemed as naturall heate: let an inhabitant therein dwelling haue to do, or accompanie with one of their women, (although she be a white woman) and the next day let himselfe bloud, hee dyeth without fayle, although he were a King.

Many also died of loosenesse in their bodies, which commonly happeneth by long viages, specially, when they were halfe seas ouer, vnder 45. and 46. degrees: for then it was cold, such as were sick, not being able to endure it: for there they had a side winde for the space of fiue weekes, in the which time many of their men died, so that they thinke in all, that there died about a thousand eight hundred men, of loosenesse in their bodies, when they were in the height aforesaid, being vpon the sixt of Ianuarie 1600.

It is not to be maruailed at, that they lost many men by the sicknesses aforesaid (seeing the Portingals themselues doe the like, being men of hotter conplections then we are, & borne vnder a warmer climate) & by that means haue lost many mē, as *Americus Vespucius* himselfe witnesseth, who not onely

writeth of the vnwholsome ayre of this Island, but also sayth that it is strange, that a man of Europa should be found in that place with gray haires, or beeing aboue fiftie yeeres of age. The Portingales are of opinion, that this sickneſſe among men of Europa, commeth, becauſe they vſe to drinke often to coole their bodies, and without eating, and ſpecially becauſe there is little winde, whereby the ayre is more infected.

FINIS.

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